

Shenango River Lake, authorized by the Flood Control Act of 1938, is one of 16 flood damage reduction projects in the Pittsburgh District. The reservoir provides flood protection for the Shenango River Valley as well as for the Beaver and upper Ohio Rivers. Since its completion in 1965, the Shenango River Lake has prevented flood damages estimated to be in excess of \$157 million. The project has the capability to store the equivalent run-off of 10.5 inches of precipitation from its 589 square mile watershed.

The Pennsylvania Game Commission



manages 3,150 acres of project land for wildlife purposes including a waterfowl propagation

area. The Ohio Division of Wildlife manages the 4,800 acres of the Ohio portion of the reservoir lands and waters for wildlife management.

History buffs will enjoy exploring the remnants of the Erie Extension Canal, sections of which are located on Shenango property. The Erie Extension Canal played a key role in the economic development of Northwestern Pennsylvania. Portions of the canal's towpath are maintained for hiking and are part of the Shenango Trail. The well-preserved remains of Lock Number 10 are found in Sharpsville, approximately one-half mile downstream of the Shenango Dam.

Lake and Dam Statistics

Location: On the Shenango River, in Hermitage, Mercer County, PA

Project Area:	15,071 acres
Drainage area above dam:	589 sq. mi.
Construction costs:	\$38,000,000

Dam

Type of structure:

Concrete gravity with uncontrolled spillway

Volume of concrete fill:	60,000 cu. yd.
Maximum height above streambed:	67.7 ft.
Total length:	720 ft.
Maximum width at base:	66 ft.
Outlet works:	Seven 5' x 7' sluice gates

Lake

Length at normal pool:	11 mi.
Normal Area:	3,560 acres
Maximum Area:	11,090 acres

Elevation above sea level:	
Streambed at dam:	866 ft.
Maximum Pool:	919 ft.
Summer Pool:	896 ft.



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Daily Lake & Recreation Information:

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Campground:

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R e c r e a t i o n

Come explore and enjoy the outdoors! The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers invites you to visit Shenango River Lake and experience a variety of recreational opportunities.



Situated within the suburban Shenango Valley, Shenango River Lake provides an attractive setting where you may spend the day picnicking, camping, or enjoying nature's beauty at one of the many lake's recreation areas.

Many fishing enthusiasts are attracted to the waters of Shenango River Lake for the crappie, bass, walleye, catfish, and muskellunge that inhabit the river, lake and tailwaters.

In addition, thousands of anglers are drawn to the dam's outflow area for the trout fishery which is stocked year-round by the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission.

Boating is among the most popular recreational activities at Shenango River Lake. Areas are provided on the lake for unlimited horsepower operation and water skiing as well as areas designated for electric motors, restricted horsepower, and minimum wake operation. For those visitors who prefer to canoe or kayak, both the Shenango River, upstream of the lake, and Pymatuning Creek offer excellent opportunities, beautiful scenery, and a chance to observe nature.

Campers visiting Shenango River Lake will enjoy the spacious facilities available at the Shenango Recreation Area Campground.

Hot showers, restroom facilities, and a dump station are provided as well as 330 campsites, many of which are equipped with electric hookups. Sixty percent of the campsites are reservable. To make a reservation, contact National Recreation Reservation Service at 877-444-6777 or visit at recreation.gov.

Self-guided nature trails invite visitors to experience the beauty of the Shenango Lake area. The half mile Seth Myers Trail and the quarter mile Coonie Trail offer an opportunity to learn about various habitats and the relationships between plants, animals and humans.

Hunting and trapping are permitted on project lands with the exception of developed recreation areas, wildlife propagation areas, and posted areas. All federal, state, and local laws governing these activities apply on project lands and waters.

